

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent Application of

Yuji MURAYAMA et al.

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Examiner: E. Labaze

For: PORTABLE ELECTRONIC APPARATUS, IC CARD AND READER/WRITER

## REQUEST FOR NEW TIME PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a <u>restart</u> of the previously set period for reply to the Final Office Action of November 7, 2002 for the reasons set forth hereinbelow. See M.P.E.P §710.06.

The rejection set forth within the Final Office Action refers to U.S. Patent No. 5,010,237 issued to Kawana.

The Kawana reference has not been provided with the Final Office Action of November 7, 2002;

A Notice of References Cited (PTO form 892) listing the

Kawana reference has not been provided with the Final Office Action of November 7, 2002;

The Kawana reference has not been listed on an Information
Disclosure Statement.

Because the Kawana reference has not been provided along with the Final Office Action of November 7, 2000, listed on an Information Disclosure Statement, or listed on a Notice of References Cited, the Final Office Action is defective.

To correct this defect, Applicant respectfully requests that the Kawana reference be listed in a Notice of References Cited (PTO form 892) and that a copy of the Kawana reference be provided.

In addition, Applicant respectfully requests a restart of the previously set period for reply to the Final Office Action to run from the date that this defect is corrected.

The new period for reply must be at least one (1) month and would run from the date the defect is corrected. See M.P.E.P. \$710.06.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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